



School Newsletter - 11.24.2021

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As we count our blessing this Thanksgiving, we wanted to share that we are so thankful to have each and every one of you and your children at our school and as a part of our community this year. Thank you for your continuous support! We wish you all a wonderful holiday filled with love, joy, laughter and thanks. Happy Thanksgiving!

-St. Catherine School Teachers & Staff

Calendar Reminders

Today, Wednesday, November 24th is a half day for all students. K-8 students are released at 12pm, and all preschool students are released at 12:30pm. There is no full day preschool, PM Pandas or after school Extended Care.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there is no school on Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th.



Paws-itive Parent Corner

Christy Srithongsuk, Siobhan Piechowski, Angie Martel, Caitlin Dill, Kariss Peterson, Lauren Garfield, Amy Flaa, Erica Cates, Maria Agapova, Katie Brewer, Karin Herman & Colleen Ferguson, (our amazing PTO Board, and Committee Chairs,) you were caught being a Paws-itive St. Catherine Parent! Thank you for all you do to help our school be Paws-itively awesome!

St. Catherine Student Art Gallery

We are excited to announce the grand opening of our [St. Catherine Student Art Gallery!](#) Here you can find a selection of artwork from our very own student artists. The gallery will be updated monthly and will feature art projects that students have completed throughout the year. Each student will have a chance to be showcased at least once during the school year. Check out our amazing, talented artists!

Contact Ms. Richard with any questions or comments - jrichard@stcatherineschool.net

Safety Patrol - Trimester 2

December 6th is the start of our second trimester, and this brings the opportunity for your student to participate in the St. Catherine Winter Safety Patrol team! Many of our first trimester team members have committed to another round of duty and we would love other students to join who haven't yet been a part of Safety Patrol this year!

Please talk to your child about the benefits of being a Safety Patrol member. Safety Patrol Team membership will provide an opportunity for students to grow, not only in regard to responsibility, but in gaining experience and confidence working with adults and other students. And Safety Patrol is a great leadership training for students - they are responsible for keeping their fellow student body safe. As a bonus, Safety Patrol can be used toward the middle school service requirement!

DETAILS:

- In order to apply students will need to complete the [application](#) by Friday, December 3rd, 2021
- The first week of Fall Safety Patrol will begin Monday, December 6th
- Students will be assigned morning or afternoon shifts based on availability
- All students in grades 5-8 are eligible to participate
- Students will together choose a reward at the end of the school year with school approval as incentive for being a part of the team
- Students earn 30 minutes toward Community Service Hours for each shift they are on Safety Patrol duty

Please contact Ms. Richard with any questions! jrichard@stcatherineschool.net

Christmas Parade

Join us for our 2nd annual Christmas Parade of Cars on Thursday, December 16th from 5:30-6:30pm in the parking lot.

Our parking lot will be full of lights and festive sights, including our decorated class trees. The fifth-grade class holds the trophy....who will be the next class to take home the honors? Come show off your Christmas decorated vehicles and drop off a donation for the food drive. There may even be an appearance from Santa and his elves!





ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL
THE TIGER FUND

Congratulations to our third-grade class who won our class contest with a whopping 92% of families participating! Thank you third grade - and to everyone who has given to the Tiger Fund! Way to go Tigers!

You are invited! Come celebrate community & the Holy Eucharist at Mass!

Saturdays at 5pm
Sundays at 9:30am

Masks are required. Special seating is available for those wishing to social distance.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Outdoor COFFEE and DONUTS are back during Advent following the Sunday Mass!!
11/28, 12/5, 12/12, and 12/19

Parent-Counselor Learning Sessions are coming this December 2nd!

Nothing combats the mental health and interpersonal challenges of COVID like community and vulnerability. In that spirit, I am introducing the first St. C's parent-learning session titled "Building Resiliency in Our Homes." This first session will take place on Thursday, December 2nd from 6 to 7 pm on Zoom.

In order for more age-specific topics to be discussed, the session will be split into two groups according to the developmental levels of our students. From 6:00 to 6:30pm the presentation will focus on children from grades PreK to 3rd grade, and from 6:30 to 7pm the presentation will focus on children from grades 4-8.

Here is the Zoom link to save, but I will also share it a few more times before the 2nd:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85855566115>
Meeting ID: 858 5556 6115

To better focus the conversation, enter any questions or topics you have regarding resiliency in your home on this Google form, and I will try to incorporate it into the presentation. <https://forms.gle/w9hYwHADHUr8FbqT6>

I hope to see you on December 2nd!

Mr. Ward

ST. CATHERINE AUCTION CASINO ROYALE Auction | May 7, 2022

noun | A system of buying and selling goods or services by offering them for bidding, allowing people to bid, and selling to the highest bidder.

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The auction committee has already been working hard behind the scenes so you can put your best poker faces on, on May 7, 2022!

Here's what we've been up to:

- Growing our volunteer committee and meeting monthly all together
- Researching several plans to accommodate the ever-changing regulations with the pandemic
- Mailing letters to local businesses for sponsorship
- Updating the auction 2022 website
- Brainstorming class projects and building teams for each grade

We need YOU! Reach out to hear more!

Email : auction@stcatherineschool.net

Class Projects

We are in need of 1-2 parents per class to work with our auction committee lead, St. Catherine's very own Preschool Teacher Sophie Burke to coordinate this project.

Parent Volunteers Needed!

Project Volunteers Needed.

**2 for Kindergarden • 2 for 1st Grade
1 for 2nd Grade • 2 for 3rd Grade**



You will be choosing a fun class art project, and coordinate with the teacher and kids to complete.

Sophie already has some great ideas and so does pinterest if this task seems daunting.

Each class will be allotted a certain amount from the auction fund for project supplies. If interested in being a class project lead please respond by November 26, 2021.

➤ **INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH CLASS PROJECTS?** ⚡

Email Sophie Burke : switter@stcatherineschool.net

Spirit Days are Back!

By the order of the principal, all Thursdays this year are Spirit Days! Students should wear uniform bottoms along with their favorite spirit gear items: STC jerseys, STC spirit socks, STC beanies & baseball hats, and Tiger t-shirts.

Go Tigers!!

Also, the following noon dismissal days are free dress/non-uniform days:

- Wednesday, December 8th
- Friday, December 17th - Christmas Spirit Free Dress
- Wednesday, March 16th
- Wednesday, April 6th
- Friday, May 27th
- Wednesday, June 8th

St. Catherine Spirit Store

The St. Catherine Spirit Store is now open on Mondays before school from 8:00 am to 8:30 am and after school on Thursdays from 2:45 to 3:30. Come check out the items we have in stock. The Spirit Store is located next door to the school in the Siena Center Building @ 8610 8th Ave NE.

Preschool & Kindergarten Applications

Are you a current preschool family thinking about kindergarten for next fall? Or do you have friends thinking about preschool or kindergarten? Applications for the 2022-2023 school year are open. Please apply online on our website at <https://www.stcatherineschool.net/how-to-apply>.

If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Matusak at tmatusak@stcatherineschool.net.



2020-2021 Yearbook Update

There have been a lot of questions about when we can expect the 2020-2021 yearbooks and the short answer is very soon! The school office just finalized the yearbook and it has been sent to the printer - yay! Once they have arrived to the school, we will distribute them as quickly as possible. Thank you for your patience!

Tuition Assistance Application

If you are interested in applying for tuition assistance for the 2022-2023 school year, the application is now open! This may seem early to apply for tuition assistance for *next year*, but the process takes some time in order to determine awards before our registration timeframe in February.

The application deadline is January 7, 2022. Late and incomplete applications will not be accepted after this date, so please be sure to put this on your calendar.

The application takes about an hour to complete and requires copies of W-2 and tax return forms to be submitted along with the application form. All necessary documentation must

be received by the due date. There is a \$35 application fee (increased from \$29 in year's past). Families complete and submit their application via their FACTS accounts at: <https://online.factsmgt.com/SignIn.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

2021-2022 School Calendar

Here are the key calendar dates for the 2021-2022 school year:

- 1st day of school: Tuesday, September 7th (noon dismissal)
- Fall Conferences: October 28th-29th
- Thanksgiving break: November 25th-26th (November 24th will be a noon dismissal)
- Christmas break: December 20th-31st
- President's weekend/break: February 21st-22nd
- Easter break: April 18th-22nd
- Last day of school: Friday, June 17th (10:30 dismissal after the Moving Up Mass)

A printable PDF copy of the calendar is available [here](#).



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